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Amendments to the Claims:

The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

1. (Currently Amended) An epidermal growth factor polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 and having epidermal growth factor biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
2. (Original) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, said polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
3. (Currently Amended) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity that is at least two times greater than the biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
4. (Currently Amended) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is at least five times greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
5. (Currently Amended) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is at least ten times greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
6. (Currently Amended) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is at least fifty times greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
7. (Currently Amended) The epidermal growth factor polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is at

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least one hundred times greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID
NO: 1.